YAHREZITS

December 13, 2014              Kislev 21, 5775
Yetta M. Berkens, James M. Butler, Louis Fox, George Gelfand, Sophie Goldblum, Sophie Goldstein, Abraham Gruntfest, Moses Hellerstein, Motel Shmuel Hoffman, Benjamin Hurvitz, Esther Kleinman, Gertrude Levinson, Charles Mozer, Gertrude Pepper, Sam Rubinson, Leah Spungen, Max Yaker, Louise Zelinger, Aaron Arkie Ziskin

December 14, 2014              Kislev 22, 5775

December 15, 2014              Kislev 23, 5775
Louis Bender, Sadie Bugdanowitz, Kaufman Fischer, Bessie Friedenreich, Mark David Goldman, Sam Goodman, Robert Hersh, Deborah Kahane, Ronnie Krause, Celia Lehrer, Zelda Lungen, Betty I. Lustig, Lillian Mosko, Jack Newman, Grete Nunn, Michael Roth, Leonard Ruby, Harry Rutland, Ephraim Shaimanoff, Frieda Shapiro, Nathan L. Simmons, Albert Sussman, Max Turner, Harry Wolinsky, Yuriy Yorgovnikov, Victor Zall

December 16, 2014              Kislev 24, 5775

December 17, 2014              Kislev 25, 5775

December 18, 2014              Kislev 26, 5775
Harry Adelman, Sophie Rollnick Asner, Phillip Brown, Mary Fierer, Michael Glazer, Benjamin Goldstein, Sophie Rollnickasner, Ralph Rosenberg, Lorraine Sieglcr, Herman Starr, Hilde Tannen, Leonard Tarkovsky, Morey Widom

December 19, 2014              Kislev 27, 5775

SHABBAT Vayeishev
December 13-19, 2014
21-27 Kislev 5775
Torah – Genesis 37:40 – page 198
Haftarah – Amos 2:6-3:8 – page 1142
Ba’al Korey – Jerry Rotenberg
Haftarah – Martin Mendelsberg
D’var Torah--Sanctuary & Chapel
Cantor Joel Lichterman
Anim Zemirot & Mizmor Shir
Josh Rosen

Friday - December 12
4:15 pm Mincha
4:16 pm Candle Lighting

Saturday - December 13
9:00 am Shacharit, Sanctuary
9:15 am Shacharit, Chapel
4:15 pm Mincha/Seudah Shlishit
5:18 pm Havdalah

Sunday - December 14
8:30 am Shacharit
4:25 pm Mincha/Maariv

Monday - December 15
6:30 am Shacharit
4:25 pm Mincha/Maariv

Tuesday - December 16
1st Night of Chanukah
6:45 am Shacharit
4:25 pm Mincha/Maariv

Wednesday - December 17
2nd Night of Chanukah
6:30 am Shacharit
4:25 pm Mincha/Maariv

Thursday - December 18
3rd Night of Chanukah
6:30 am Shacharit
4:25 pm Mincha/Maariv

Friday - December 19
4th Night of Chanukah
6:30 am Shacharit
4:18 pm Candle Lighting
4:20 pm Mincha

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Thank you to our Greeters: Marian Goldhirsch & Rose Wildfeuer

Please respect the sanctity of our services by refraining from entering or leaving while the ark is open, during the Torah Service, Kedusha and Sermon.

Please note our Sanctuary and Chapel are cell free zones.

We invite all those celebrating anniversaries and birthdays to attend Shabbat morning services to receive a special blessing.

Consider contributing to the Shabbat morning kiddush at the special price of $100 in honor of your family life cycle events or the memory of your loved ones on their Yahrzeit. Please call Sheila at 303-951-8221.

VISITORS
During Kiddush please visit our “Welcome” Table in the Social Hall identified with blue tablecloth.

BIRTHDAYS
Irving Ash Nathan Gold William Lipsitz Regev Mor
Barbara Burr Lisa Holstein James Lustig Karen Pasternack
Hillary Druckman Michael Hyman Aaron Mendelsberg Max Rosen
Eunice Finer Gus Joshua Randel Metz Sandra Schiff
Lev Gershovich Feyga Katsenelson Benjamin Miller Mara Vinnik

ANNIVERSARIES
Bennie & Joan Bub–45 James & Judith Katchen–39
Bob & Dianna Goldberg–42 Bernard & Berta Naiman–61
Robert & Diane Hochstadt–48 Theodore & Sandra Pomeranz–56
Stephen & Kay Shraiber–42

MAZEL TOV TO
Wendy Davis on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Ethan Block, in New Jersey.

REFUAH SHELEIMA: SPEEDY RECOVERY TO
Mary Altman Deborah Dunn Elaine Greenberg Steve Potts
Sybil Berman Steve Friedman Daniel Halipern Marcia Rubinowitz
Risa Buckstein Anne Gilbert Arnold Hayutin Dana Ryder
Roni Deych Miriam Goldberg Enta Kushnir Bertha Sklar
Zelda Goldstein Steve Levey Renee Weller

Administration Update: We are currently in the 2nd trial-phase of our new Shulcloud system which is being tested by 25 congregants. Watch for further information and updates.

We are looking for a very special volunteer to fulfill a meaningful mitzvah on a weekly basis. Please call Debra in the Synagogue Office at 303-951-8232 to discuss this wonderful opportunity.

EDUCATION
613 Mitzvot - Monday evening 8:00 pm with Rabbi Akiva Stern
Torah Class - Wednesday mornings after Shacharit 7:30 am with Cantor Joel Lichterman
Torah Class for Women - Thursday morning 11:00 am with Ellyn Hutt
Taste of Torah - Saturday morning 10:00 am with Essie Fleischmann
*Daily* Daf-Yomi one hour before Shacharit with Rabbi Michoel Fleischmann
Reflections on the Parsha - Saturday afternoon during Seudah Shlishit 4:40 pm with Cantor Joel Lichterman

It’s Story Time!
Open to children ages 2-4
Join BMH-BJ’s Early Childhood specialists for stories, sensory experiences and art at BMH-BJ Preschool.
Tuesday, December 16 from 9:30-10:30 am.
$5.00 per child. Call Cindy at 303-388-7543 to rsvp.

Celebrate Chanukah with Our Shabbat Groups
Saturday, December 20, 2014, 10:00 am in Fisher Hall.
Join us for an amazing performance, yummy latkes and Chanukah fun with our friends. RSVP to Bobbie at bparris@thedenversynagogue.org by Monday, December 15th.

Looking for affordable Kosher food and one-stop shopping?
Introducing www.kckoshercoop.com - the cheap, easy and convenient way to get all your shopping done! With thousands of products, from meat and fish, to soups and pickles, to candles and tablecloths, you can find almost anything you need for your home. Ordering deadline is Dec. 31 and delivery is Jan. 20 right here at BMH-BJ! Register at 222.kckoshercoop.com to get started.

The Joe Miller Family Library
You are always invited to browse through our Jewish Cultural Heritage Library.
Comfortable chairs are available for nursing mothers.

Individuals with disabilities or their families needing special accommodations to attend and/or participate meaningfully in worship services, synagogue events and/or study groups should contact the Inclusion Initiative chairperson, Bernice Dinner at mbdinner@comcast.net or at 720-328-9072.
PARSHA SUMMARY

Torah Reading - Genesis 37-40

The Sidrah tells of Jacob and his special love for one of his sons over all of his other children. It is a clear case of favoritism. One might have expected that Jacob would have known better than to favor Joseph, because of his own experiences. In his childhood he was the favorite of his mother, Rebekah, while Esau, his brother was favored by their father, Isaac. This had led to much unhappiness in Jacob’s young days. But Joseph was born when Jacob was an old man and his other children were already grown. He fussied over the youngest, causing jealousy and disharmony among the brothers. When Benjamin was born and their mother, Rachel dies, Jacob becomes even more attached to his favorite son. He gives Joseph the “coat of many colors.” This coat is not only beautiful, but in ancient days it was the kind of coat worn only by chiefs. No wonder Joseph’s brothers were angry and no wonder that Joseph, himself, became overbearing in his ways.

Favorites have a cocky way about them and Joseph, too, lords it over his brothers, reporting to his father about their activities and making himself very unpopular. In addition to showing off the special coat which his father has given him, Joseph reveals dreams to his brothers which makes him more hated than ever. In the dreams that Joseph tells, he sees himself as mightier than all of them.

Soon the day comes when Joseph’s brothers decide to get even with him. Jacob sends Joseph out into the countryside to see how they are getting along. When the brothers see him in the distance they plan to revenge themselves for his dreams and attitudes. Some of the brothers suggest that Joseph be killed. Reuben, the oldest of them, recommends that Joseph be thrown into a pit and be left there to die. Reuben had really intended to return later and let Joseph escape. As soon as Reuben had gone away, the remaining brothers decide to sell Joseph as a slave to a caravan of merchants on their way down to Egypt. Joseph is sold. His “coat of many colors” is dipped in animal blood by the brothers and brought to their father, Jacob. They tell the shocked father that an animal has devoured Joseph. Now the brothers will have to live a lie for many years and Joseph will lose his superior airs.

In the meanwhile, Joseph who has been sold as a slave in Egypt, is imprisoned through no fault of his own. As a prisoner, he successfully interprets the dreams of two fellow prisoners who had been officials in Pharaoh’s court. Dream interpretation was an accepted part of Egyptian life, and it is Joseph’s good fortune that he correctly predicted the occurrences in the lives of Pharaoh’s servants from their dreams.

Haftarah Reading – Amos 2.6-3.8

The Haftarah is from the Book of Amos. The Prophet Amos brings his message to the Israelites of the Northern Kingdom in the middle of the eighth century B.C.E. about the same time as Hosea. It is a troubled time. The people of the Northern Kingdom have forgotten that G-d’s teachings require righteousness of Israel.

Amos points out to the people that they are G-d’s chosen and, therefore, in their many wrongdoings they are even guiltier than other peoples who don’t know any better. The law courts are unfair to innocent people. The rich have no pity for the poor and for even the smallest debts they sell the unfortunate poor into slavery. Men are inhuman to each other. For all of these wrongdoings and many more the Israelites of the Northern Kingdom will suffer punishment. Israel, long ago, had been redeemed from Egypt by G-d to be a righteous people among the nations. Amos tells the Israelites of his day that they have forgotten the responsibilities which their ancestors took upon themselves during the Exodus from Egypt. They have been warned, but pay no attention to the prophets. They will soon have to pay the penalty for their forgetfulness and indifference.
WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Save the date for our upcoming Member Tea on Sunday, January 25th from 2 - 4 pm. Join us for a day of friendship, refreshments and fun, featuring wonderful performances by our talented congregants. If you are interested in volunteering with the Women's League contact the Women's League office at 303-951-8226/womensleague@thedenversynagogue.org.

Purim baking begins on January 4th and continues on most Sunday mornings through February. Join the crew from 9:30 - 1:00.